

BEFORE THE IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE REQUEST OF)
AVISTA CORPORATION DBA AVISTA) CASE NO. AVU-G-05-1
UTILITIES TO EXTEND THE FILING)
DEADLINE OF ITS 2005 NATURAL GAS)
INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN (IRP)) MINUTE ENTRY
_____)**

On August 16, 2005, Avista Corporation dba Avista Utilities (Avista; Company) filed a letter with the Idaho Public Utilities Commission (Commission) requesting authority to extend its 2005 Natural Gas Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) filing deadline from December 31, 2005 to March 31, 2006. Pursuant to Order No. 25342, Case No. GNR-G-93-2, Avista is required to file an Integrated Resource Plan every two years.

As justification for the proposed delay in filing, Avista states that the Company makes its request to better align the IRP filing expectations in Avista's three-state service territory. A delay, the Company contends, will better serve the Company's stakeholder interests as some participants in the IRP process have requested a delay. This extension, the Company contends, will allow for greater public involvement, and should result in a more robust IRP.

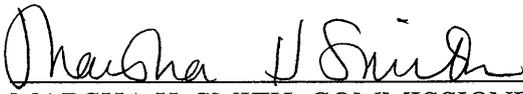
By making this request, the Company understands that if granted, this request will not affect future IRP time schedules and filings.

The Commission has reviewed the filings of record in Case No. AVU-G-05-1 and finds that Avista has presented just cause to extend its Natural Gas IRP filing deadline from December 31, 2005 to March 31, 2006. The Commission by this Minute Entry and without further notice authorizes the Company's requested extension of the filing deadline for Avista's 2005 Natural Gas Integrated Resource Plan.

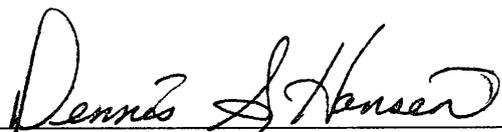
DATED at Boise, Idaho this 24th day of August 2005.



PAUL KJELLANDER, PRESIDENT

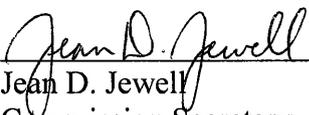


MARSHA H. SMITH, COMMISSIONER



DENNIS S. HANSEN, COMMISSIONER

ATTEST:



Jean D. Jewell
Commission Secretary

bls/N:AVU-G-05-01_sw